

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A toothbrush brushhead assembly, comprising:
a toothbrush stem;
a bristle plate including a cavity; and
a duckbill valve assembly ~~disposed in the cavity~~ which includes at least two duckbill valve members; and
a flexible flange member extending between and joining the duckbill valve members in a particular orientation in a unitary assembly which is insertable into and removable as a unit from the cavity.
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the flange member joins the two duckbill valve members at their respective bases, and wherein the flange member is substantially flat.
4. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve ~~members have slit openings through which fluid moves and are spaced apart from each other, but~~ arranged so that their respective slit openings are parallel.
5. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve members have slit openings through which fluid moves and are oriented such that their respective slit openings are in a single line.
6. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve members are substantially identical.
7. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 2 1, wherein the two duckbill

valve members are sufficiently separated to permit a plurality of bristles to be mounted therebetween to the bristle plate.

8. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve assembly includes just two duckbill valve members.

9. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve assembly includes more than two duckbill valve members.

10. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 2 1, wherein the duckbill valve members are different in size and otherwise arranged to accommodate different fluids to flow therethrough.

11. (currently amended) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein a holding member is disposed over the duckbill valve assembly in the cavity, holding the duckbill valve assembly against the bristle plate.